

Atty. Dkt. No. 041457-0633

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Juan Mantelle et al.

Title:

TRANSDERMAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING LOW

MOLECULAR WEIGHT DRUGS WHICH ARE LIQUID AT

ROOM TEMPERATURES

Appl. No.:

09/986,945

Appl. Filing Date:

11/13/2001

Examiner:

Retford O. Berko

Art Unit:

1615

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

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 [] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on 700, 90 0P
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 [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.

- [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
 ___.
- [] Other ___.
- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Amendment/Reply (9 pages).
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- [X] Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 1 listed reference(s).
- [X] Other: Copy of European Search Report (8 pages).

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | | Previously Paid For | Ext Pres | ra Claims sent | | Rate | | Fee Totals |
|------------------|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|----------|---|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | | | | \$790.00 | = | \$790.00 |
| Total Claims: | 21 | - | 21 | = 0 | | x | \$50.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independents | 5 . | - | 5 | = 0 | | x | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | resentation of | any | Multiple D | Depender | nt Claims: | + | \$360.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS | FEE | TOTAL: | = | \$790.00 |

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| \$0.00 | \$120.00 | Extension for response filed within the first month: | [] | | | |
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| \$0.00 | Extension for response filed within the second month: \$450.00 | | | | | |
| \$0.00 | \$1,020.00 | Extension for response filed within the third month: | [] | | | |
| \$1,590.00 | \$1,590.00 | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | [X] | | | |
| \$0.00 | \$2,160.00 | Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | [] | | | |
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| \$1,590.00 | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL | | | | | |
| \$2,380.00 | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: | | | | | |
| \$0.00 | [] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | | | | |
| \$0.00 | [] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) | | | | | |
| \$2,380.00 | TAL FEE: | TO | | | | |
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A credit card payment form in the amount of \$2,380.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 14,2006

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